**Wasteland in Orissa**

990. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are large areas of wasteland in the Tribal districts of K.B.K. and Undivided Phulbani district in Orissa, district-wise details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal by Central Government to bring the wasteland under cultivation in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of projects taken up under Integrated Wasteland Development Project in the State, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) As per the Wastelands Atlas of India-2005, prepared by NRSA, Hyderabad, the total extent of wasteland in tribal districts of K.B.K. is 7,02,969 ha. which is 14.75% of the geographical area of KBK districts, and 2,20,338 ha. in undivided Phulbani district which is 19.81% of the total geographical area of the undivided Phulbani district. The district-wise details of wasteland of KBK and undivided Phulbani districts are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Several centrally sponsored programmes are implemented in Orissa to develop wastelands and degraded lands to enhance its productivity. The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India implements two area development programmes namely, Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP) and Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) in the State. These programmes are implemented on watershed basis since 1995-96. The focus of these programmes is on water conservation, drought proofing and land development. The activities carried out under these programmes include soil-moisture conservation, water harvesting, afforestation, pasture development, horticulture etc. Under these programmes, watershed works are planned, executed and maintained by the local people with necessary technical, financial and managerial inputs from the concerned line departments/Zilla Parishads/District Rural Development Agencies. The Department of Land Resources is also implementing an externally aided project, called 'Western Orissa Rural Livelihoods Project' (WORLP) in four districts of Orissa namely, Kalahandi, Bolangir, Naupada and Bargarh on

watershed basis. Similarly, the Ministry of Agriculture implements the National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) and Enhancing Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchment of River Valley Projects in Orissa with the main objectives of enhancing productivity of degraded lands by adaptation of an integraded approach. Besides, the Additional Central Assistance (ACA) received under Revised Long Term Action Plan (RLTAP) also supports watershed development programme in the KBK districts.

(d) The details of Projects taken up under Integrated Wasteland Development Projects (IWDP) in different districts are given in the Statement-II.

***Statement-I***

*District wise details of wasteland of KBK and Undivided Phulbani districts*

(Area in ha.)

| Sl. No. | Region | District | Total Wasteland |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Kalahandi | 86486 |
| 2 | | Nuapada | 65698 |
| 3 | | Bolangir | 54826 |
| 4 | | Sonepur | 39942 |
| 5 | KBK | Koraput | 111888 |
| 6 | | Rayagada | 91273 |
| 7 | | Nawarangpur | 65023 |
| 8 | | Malkangiri | 187833 |
| | Sub-total for KBK | | 702969 |
| 9 | UNDIVIDED PHULBANI | Kandhamal | 165987 |
| 10 | | Bouch | 54351 |
| | Sub-total for undivided Phulbani | | 220338 |
| | GRAND TOTAL: | | 923307 |

***Statement-II***

*District-wise details of projects taken up under IWDP in Orissa*

| Sl. No. | Name of District | No. of Projects | Project Area (in ha.) | Project Cost (Rs. in lakhs) | Total Releases (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Angul | 4 | 23141 | 1125.67 | 476.45 |
| 2 | Balasore | x1 | 5471 | 328.26 | 178.57 |
| 3 | Baragarh | 2 | 11534 | 692.04 | 255.56 |
| 4 | Bolangir | 4 | 25758 | 1297.48 | 631.79 |
| 5 | Cuttack | 3 | 17588 | 1055.28 | 332.15 |
| 6 | Deogarh | 2 | 13600 | 816.00 | 224.59 |
| 7 | Dhenkanal | 6 | 28631 | 1545.24 | 505.34 |
| 8 | Gajapathy | 4 | 22127 | 1327.62 | 377.75 |
| 9 | Ganjam | 4 | 23744 | 1424.64 | 384.13 |
| 10 | Jajpur | 2 | 12991 | 592.52 | 357.29 |
| 11 | Jharsuguda | 2 | 12216 | 588.64 | 326.12 |
| 12 | Kalahandi | 3 | 24937 | 1249.48 | 703.60 |
| 13 | Keonjhar | 6 | 28509 | 1503.58 | 607.85 |
| 14 | Khurda | 3 | 17669 | 1060.14 | 415.72 |
| 15 | Koraput | 5 | 27362 | 1394.48 | 690.44 |
| 16 | Malkangiri | 4 | 20000 | 1200.00 | 246.83 |
| 17 | Mayurbhanj | 6 | 40680 | 2192.80 | 721.84 |
| 18 | Nawrangpur | 6 | 31404 | 1884.24 | 799.66 |
| 19 | Nayagarh | 5 | 30066 | 1603.96 | 420.83 |
| 20 | Rayagada | 7 | 42454 | 2547.24 | 827.90 |
| 21 | Sambalpur | 3 | 13909 | 814.04 | 244.51 |
| 22 | Sonepur | 2 | 11081 | 664.86 | 340.77 |
| 23 | Sundergarh | 5 | 32448 | 1946.88 | 650.04 |
| | TOTAL: | 89 | 517320 | 28855.09 | 10719.73 |

**PMGSY for tribal areas of Jharkhand**

991. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads which are proposed to be constructed in scheduled tribal areas of Jharkhand in the financial year 2006-07 and 2007-08 under PMGSY;